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## Work and Workers.

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MR. ABRAHAM is engaged in the preparation of a work entitled *Judas Maccabeus and the Conflict between Hellenism and Hebraism*, to be published soon by G. P. Putnam's Sons.

DR. GEORGE R. BERRY, Assistant in Semitics at the University of Chicago, has resigned to accept the position of Instructor in Semitic Languages at Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y.

PROFESSOR NATHANIEL SCHMIDT, of Colgate University at Hamilton, N. Y., has resigned his position there to become Professor of the Semitic Languages in Cornell University.

PROFESSOR GEORGE HARRIS succeeds Professor Egbert C. Smyth as President of the faculty of Andover Seminary. Dr. Smyth will continue his work as before in connection with his chair.

PROFESSOR W. W. WHITE, of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, has gone to Calcutta, India, where for two years he is to be a teacher of the English Bible to the native students in that city.

MISS ALICE A. MENDENHALL, the holder of the Graduate Scholarship in Biblical Languages and Literature at Bryn Mawr College, has been appointed to the professorship of Hebrew and Biblical Studies at Earlham College, Indiana.

REV. E. D. MORRIS, D.D., who has been for twenty-nine years practically at the head of Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, has resigned from the position, and will be succeeded, January 1, by Rev. Henry Goodwin Smith of Freehold, N. J.

MR. FORBES ROBINSON has just issued the Coptic Apocryphal Gospels. Various fragments of the Apocrypha are published, some here for the first time. The author's purpose is to show the influence of the ancient Egyptian religion upon Coptic Christianity.

THE second volume of Professor McCurdy's *History, Prophecy, and the Monuments* has just been issued by the Macmillan Co. The third volume, completing the work, is promised for the early part of 1897. A new and revised edition of Vol. I. is about to be published.

PROFESSOR JULIUS EUTING, of Strassburg, has just published Part I. of his journey in inner Arabia. Twelve years have passed since Professor Euting's journey, but the descriptions which the writer gives, together with his maps and drawings, will be of very great value.

HENRY CLARK WARREN, of Cambridge, Mass., has published, in Harvard Oriental Series, *Buddhism in Translations*, a series of translations of important extracts from the Pali Buddhist Scriptures. The most interesting feature of the book is the fact that by these translations the science of the Buddhist doctrine is indicated.

A VALUABLE series of essays which have appeared during the year in the *Outlook* are to be issued in book form this month, under the title *Prophets of the Christian Faith*. The subjects are mainly biographical, dealing with leaders of religious thought both ancient and modern. The book will be of special interest to those who have not read the articles as they came out in the paper, and its value is by no means limited to a single reading.

IN A pamphlet just issued by Professor Zimmern, entitled "Vater, Sohn und Fürsprecher in der Babylonischen Gottesvorstellung," the writer draws a comparison between the Babylonian triads of gods, for example, Ea, the Father-god, Marduk, his firstborn, and Nusku, the Fire-god, and the doctrine of the Trinity. In the Babylonian belief the Fire-god is represented as the healer of suffering mankind, and is a mediator. *Cf. Matt. 3:11.*

THE friends of Professor Bernhard Weiss, of Berlin, are planning to celebrate his approaching seventieth birthday, after the manner common in Germany, and followed four years ago in the case of Professor Weizsäcker of Tübingen, by the publication of a volume of essays dedicated to him. Some of the best known scholars of Germany will contribute to it.

Professor Weiss himself is preparing a new edition of his *Einleitung in das Neue Testament*, which will appear late this year or early in 1897.

THE trustees of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, have called Rev. Dr. D. A. Hayes, of the Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver, to occupy the recently established chair of English Exegesis. This makes it possible to take a complete course at that institution, and receive formal graduation, without a knowledge of any language but the English. To send forth among men a professional teacher of the Bible who has no knowledge of the languages in which the book was written may, by force of circumstances, be a necessity, but it should never be regarded by anyone as justifiable except in rare cases.

FROM July 14 to 24 the Presbyterians of the maritime provinces of Canada held their second Summer School of Theology at their college in Halifax. Over sixty were in attendance, most of them ministers. The principal lec-

turers were Principal Pollok, Professor Scott, of Chicago ; Professor Watson, of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont. ; Professor Currie, Professor Falconer, and Rev. Henry Dickie, A.M., of Windsor, N. S. So helpful did the school prove that at its close it was unanimously resolved to continue it, and suggestions were made for its improvement. It is expected that in the future more place will be given to the teaching of the Bible.

WE venture to call the attention of all who are interested in the translation of the New Testament into language which can be understood by all the people, to a translation of the Sermon on the Mount which, as the preface states, "is not a paraphrase but an attempt at a more literal rendering than the received version, done from the Latin Vulgate and diligently compared with the original Greek." The following lines will sufficiently illustrate the character of this new *literal* version :

"Immortal are the votaries of the breath: because theirs is the realm of the over-world.

Immortal are they who mourn: because they shall be interceded for.

Immortal are the tranquil ones: because they shall inherit the earth.

Immortal are they who hunger and thirst after right conduct: because they shall be provided for."

The same little volume contains the following specimen of translation from the epistles of Paul :

"But concerning the Breath-beings, brother, I do not wish you to be ignorant. You know that you were once of the common herd, deceived by means of the voiceless shells even as ye were allured. For that reason I make known to you that no one speaking by the Breath of God calls Jesus a temple-offering."

This interesting volume is published in Dublin at the office of the *Irish Theosophist*.